STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-707

November 4, 1999

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY Request for Approval of a Contract with LaValley Lumber Company ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, the Commission approves Central Maine Power Company's (CMP's) proposed customer service agreement (CSA) with LaValley Lumber Company.

DISCUSSION AND DECISION

On October 4, 1999, CMP filed with this Commission a proposed CSA with LaValley Lumber Company. Because the term of this contract is four years, CMP acknowledged that the contract does not comply with all conditions of the ARP. Therefore, in order to become effective, this contract requires Commission review and approval.

We have reviewed the contract and find that there is no significant risk to CMP's other customers as a result of this Agreement. Therefore, we will allow the CSA to go into effect but make no determination regarding its reasonableness or how the revenues associated with it should be treated for ratemaking purposes.

Accordingly, we

ORDER

That the Customer Service Agreement with LaValley Lumber Company, filed by Central Maine Power Company on October 4, 1999, is hereby approved and may become effective as of the date of this Order.

¹ Under the ARP, contracts with terms of 3 years or less that pass certain conditions are allowed to become effective automatically upon the expiration of 30 days.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 4th day of November, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

Nugent Diamond

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